

Listing of the Claims

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A site guard, comprising:

- (a) a hollow member having a base, the base having an edge to be positioned upon a patient adjacent a site such that the hollow member covers the site, the base having a width sufficient to straddle the site and a length and a height sufficient to cover the site, the base joined to a sidewall to form a cover;
- (b) at least one fabric connector affixed to the hollow member;
- (c) means for affixing the hollow member to the at least one fabric connector; and
- (d) means for closing the fabric connector on the patient.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the closure means is located on at least one of the base or the sidewall of the hollow member.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 2, wherein the closure means comprises at least one of an adhesive or hook and loop fasteners.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 2, wherein the hollow member further comprises a strip configured to cover the closure means when not in use.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a first tab and a plurality of holes configured to receive the first tab.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 5, wherein the first tab is selected from the group consisting of an adhesive tab and a button tab.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 5, wherein the at least one fabric connector further comprises the plurality of holes.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 7, wherein the hollow member further comprises the first tab.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 8, wherein the at least one fabric connector further comprises a connector hole and the hollow member further comprises a second tab, wherein the connector hole is configured to receive the second tab.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 5 further comprising a side extension attached to a side of the hollow member opposite of the at least one fabric connector.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 10, wherein the side extension further comprises the first tab.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 5, wherein the fabric connector further comprises the first tab.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a support integrated with the at least one fabric connector.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 13, wherein the support comprises at least one adhesive strip configured to receive the at least one fabric connector.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 13, wherein the support further comprises the affixing means.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 15, wherein the support further comprises a support flange having a plurality of support tabs, wherein the support tabs are configured to attach the hollow member to the support.

Claim 17. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 16, wherein the plurality of support tabs comprise adhesive pads.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the hollow member comprises the affixing means.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 18, wherein the hollow member comprises a strip of fabric configured to attach to the at least one fabric connector.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 18, wherein the affixing means comprises a bar under which the at least one fabric connector passes.

Claim 21. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the hollow member and the at least one fabric connector comprise the affixing means, the affixing means of the hollow member configured to detachably couple to the affixing means of the at least one fabric connector.

Claim 22. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 21, wherein the at least one fabric connector further comprises a doubled-over portion and the hollow member further comprises a slot configured to receive the doubled-over portion.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a plurality of minor strips.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a plurality of indentations.

Claim 25. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a plurality of perforations.

Claim 26. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a plurality of connection points.

Claim 27. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises an extender.

Claim 28. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a utility strap configured to further secure the hollow member to the patient.

Claim 29. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the hollow member further comprises a flange attached to the edge of the support.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 29 further comprising a cushion attached to the flange.

Claim 31. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector further comprises at least one opening to accommodate various body parts.

Claim 32. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 31, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a first opening and a second opening configured to ambidextrously accommodate one or more digits.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 32, wherein the first opening is configured to receive the right thumb and the second opening is configured to receive the left thumb.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one fabric connector comprises a material selected from the group consisting of tubular material, tubular mesh, stretch wrap, burn net, gauze, cotton cloths or blend, latex-free material, soft cloth, nylon, polymeric material, polypropylene material, polytetrahydrofluoroethylene (PTFE), transparent plastic material, Velcro ONE-WRAP strap, and combinations of any of the foregoing.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 34, wherein the Velcro ONE-WRAP strap affixes to affixing means on the sidewall of the hollow member.

Claim 36. (Previously presented) The site guard as recited in Claim 34, wherein the tubular mesh comprises at least one opening to accommodate various body parts.

Claim 37. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 36, wherein the tubular mesh comprises a plurality of openings to accommodate varying sizes of the various body parts.

Claim 38. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the fabric connector further comprises an agent.

Claim 39. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 38 wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of an antimicrobial, an antifungal, an antiviral, aloe, vitamin E, and combinations of any of the foregoing.

Claim 40. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a cushion affixed to all or part of the edge of the hollow member.

Claim 41. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 40 wherein the cushion is selected from the group consisting of cloth, gauze, stretch wrap, and foam tape.

Claim 42. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the hollow member has an elongated closed end, the base is U-shaped, and the base is split into two legs so as to lay flush against a patient's skin when used.

Claim 43. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the hollow member is fully closed.

Claim 44. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the hollow member further comprises at least one ventilation hole.

Claim 45. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 44 wherein the ventilation hole is covered by a porous material.

Claim 46. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 45 wherein the porous material is selected from the group consisting of plastic grid and nylon mesh.

Claim 47. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 44 comprising a plurality of ventilation holes.

Claim 48. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the at least one fabric connector is of a length sufficient to wrap over the hollow member when the member is placed over the site and secured in place by the closure means.

Claim 49. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 48 wherein the at least one fabric connector further comprises a window.

Claim 50. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 48 further comprising retaining means.

Claim 51. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 50 wherein the retaining means is selected from the group consisting of a channel, a guiding hook, and a belt loop.

Claim 52. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the affixing means is selected from the group consisting of sewing, gluing, ultrasonic welding, chemical bonding, or using hook and loop fasteners or a pocket.

Claim 53. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the closure means is selected from the group consisting of hook and loop fasteners, peel and stick tape, ties, pins, and clips.

Claim 54. (Withdrawn) The site guard as recited in Claim 1 wherein the at least one fabric connector is bifurcated.

Claim 55. (Previously presented) A site guard comprising:

(a) a hollow member having a base with an edge to be positioned upon a patient adjacent a site, the base having a width sufficient to straddle the site and a length and a height sufficient to cover the site, the base joined to a sidewall to form a cover;

(b) a fabric connector having a closure means, wherein the connector is capable of holding the hollow member in place over the site without the need for separate adhesive tape.

Claim 56. (Previously presented) A site guard comprising:

(a) a hollow member having a base with an edge to be positioned upon a patient adjacent a site, the base having a width sufficient to straddle the site and a length and a height sufficient to cover the site, the base joined to a sidewall to form a cover; and

(b) a fabric connector having a first end and a second end, the first end affixed to the edge of the hollow member and the second end having a closure means, wherein the connector is capable of holding the hollow member in place over the site without the need for a separate adhesive tape.